AND TIED UP THE THIEVES ...
I FREED THE CAPTURED GIRLS ...
EVEN THOUGH I RUSHED HERE AS FAST AS I COULD TO SAVE YOU... WHY ARE YOU UNHAPPY...?
MOTHER...
I DON'T GET IT ...
MINATO! LET'S TURN THESE THIEVES IN TO THE NEAREST GARRISON!
EH, WITH THE CARRIAGE?

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第3話

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BEHIND MOTHER'S BACK!?
INVENT A NEW MAGIC ...
AH...
ACCORDING TO MOTHER'S CAL-CULATIONS
SINCE YOU CAN'T FLY, EVEN IF YOU USED YOUR ABILITIES TO THE FULLEST
IT'LL TAKE YOU AT LEAST UNTIL EVENING TO CATCH UP, YOU KNOW!?
A... AHH...
THAT'S
I WAS BLESSED WITH THE MEMORIES OF MY PAST
THAT'S RIGHT, THIS GOES BACK A FEW YEARS
THE ME MESMERIZED BY MY ADOLESCENT THRILLS OF BEING IN A FANTASY WORLD
STARTED TO RESEARCH ORIGINAL MAGIC BY MYSELF

AND I WAS JUST PLAYING AROUND
I COULDN'T DO MUCH
AT THAT TIME MOTHER THOUGHT
BUT I STILL CANNOT QUENCH MY CURIOSITY
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW OF MY INABILITY TO WIELD MAGIC
I WAS EXPERIMENTING WITH MAGIC WITH THE HELP OF MY PAST MEMORIES
BUT I WASN'T A NORMAL CHILD.
THEN ON THAT FAITHFUL DAY...
A DISASTER OCCURRED!!!
THE MAGIC SUDDENLY WENT OUT OF CONTROL AND EXPLODED.
WHILE I WAS SCREWING AROUND WITH THE MAGIC INSIDE MY BODY...

MINA-TO!?
M...MAA IT HURTS ....
OWW OW WAAH OOW !!
HOLD STILL. MOTHER WILL HEAL YOU RIGHT AWAY...!
SORRY ...!
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WHY ..?
AREN'T YOU ANGRY AT ME ...?
IT'S MOTHER'S FAULT FOR ...
NOT TELLING MINATO HOW DANGEROUS MAGIC IS ...
I WON'T GET ANGRY AT MINATO, IT'S ALL MY FAULT, IF ONLY I REALIZED EARLIER .
WHY DID MOTHER APOLOGIZE ..?
EVEN THOUGH I WAS THE ONE AT FAULT...
MOTHER WOULD NOT FORGIVE HERSELF...
I'M TRULY BLESSED...
TO HAVE SUCH A KIND MOTHER...!
FROM THAT DAY ON, MY MAGIC RESEARCH IS NO LONGER REGARDED AS A "GAME". INSTEAD, IT BECAME A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT"
AS SUCH, MY MOM MADE ME PROMISE HER 3 THINGS.

1
BEFORE I EXPERIMENT WITH MAGIC I MUST FIRST INFORM HER.
2
I MUST HAVE HER SUPERVISION WHEN EXPERIMENTING
3
ONCE MOTHER SAYS "NO", NOT ONLY MUST I NEVER USE THAT MAGIC EVER AGAIN, I MUST ALSO NEVER TELL ANYONE ELSE ABOUT IT
AFTERWARDS, I'VE BEEN DILIGENTLY FOLLOWING THE 3 PROMISES.
BUT RECENTLY ...
I PERFORMED A FEW EXPERIMENTS WITHOUT MOTHER KNOWING.
REASON BEING I CAN ALSO UNDERSTAND WHETHER THEY ARE DANGEROUS OR NOT. AND I DON'T WANT TO TROUBLE HER TOO MUCH.
LOOKS LIKE I GOT CARRIED AWAY ...
I CAN'T BELIEVE A TEST TO SEE HOW YOU WOULD REACT TO REAL SITUATIONS WOULD ... RESULT IN SUCH A DISCOVERY ...

EXPLAIN YOURSELF, MINATO!
DID YOU BREAK OUR PROMISES??
EH ..
AH..
THAT ...
SORRY ...

IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'VE GROWN INTO A RESPONSIBLE PERSON
MOTHER DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE HAS THE RIGHTS TO SCOLD YOU ANYMORE, SO I'LL LET THIS GO WITH THIS ONE SLAP
BUT
MOTHER IS WORRIED
WORRIED ABOUT HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF
YOU HAVE GROWN UP SPLENDIDLY.
YOU'VE BECAME STRONG, AND CAN PROPERLY USE MAGIC
BUT THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT WORRIES ME SO MUCH
BUT THINKING SOMETHING LIKE THAT MIGHT HAPPEN AGAIN
MOTHER CAN'T

A MOTHER'S SLAP WILL ALWAYS HURT THE MOST
WHETHER IT'S THE PAST OR THE PRESENT
I'M REALLY SORRY
BECAUSE THERE'S NO ONE ELSE THAT WOULD SERIOUSLY WORRY ABOUT ME OTHER THAN HER
I WON'T WORRY MOTHER ANYMORE
THEN, LET'S HEAD BACK, MINATO♥
WAAH!!!
NOW MIHATO DON'T HAVE TO USE HIS MAGIC ANYMORE
!!?
WHAT!!?
M-M-M... MOTHER

MINATO, THE RESULT FROM TODAY'S TEST IS...
CONGRATULATIONS, YOU PASSED!
YOU'VE MASTERED YOUR ABILITIES FOR SURE!
I... I SEE, THANKS...
THIS TIME AROUND, IT'S MOTHER'S FAULT FOR LYING TO YOU...
BUT SEEING MINATO FRANTICALLY CHASING AFTER MOTHER TO SAVE HER...
MADE MOTHER REALLY HAPPY...!
AND THUS, A FEW MORE YEARS HAVE PASSED...

AT THE SAME TIME,
MOTHER STARTED TEACHING ME ABOUT THIS WORLD.
THE 16 YEAR OLD ME ...
CONTINUED TO TRAIN INSIDE THIS HOUSE.
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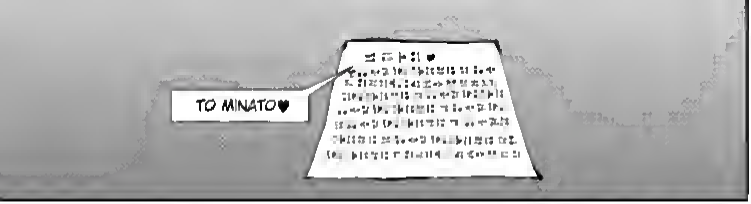
ALTHOUGH THESE RACES DON'T FIGHT FOR DOMINANCE, BUT THEY ALL LIKE AND HATE DIFFERENT THINGS.
IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE ELVES AND DWARVES.
THESE ARE WHAT WE CALL DEMI-HUMANS
ADVENTURERS ARE BASICALLY THE PEOPLE WHO EXPLORE ALL OVER THE WORLD AND ADVENTURE INTO DANGEROUS AREAS WHERE NORMAL PEOPLE CANNOT.
AND THE STAPLE OF "ADVENTURER'S GUILD" WHEN TALKING ABOUT OTHER WORDS
OF COURSE THESE EXIST IN THIS WORLD ...!

WHETHER IT WAS INTENDED OR NOT, IT AROUSED MY CURIOSITY ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
WITH SUBJECTS LIKE THAT, MOTHER EARNESTLY FED ME VARIOUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.
THEN...
MOTHER
WHERE ARE YOU!?
ONE DAY, SUDDENLY WITHOUT WARNING ...
MOTHER!?
AT THE OFFICE MAYBE ?


TO MINATO♥

To Minato
You are now strong enough to be independent.
That's why you should not stay cooped up at home and go out on a journey. Mother also went on her own adventure.
MOTHER'S LETTER!!?
COULD THIS BE ANOTHER TEST ...
BUT MOTHER... IS ALWAYS SO SUDDEN ABOUT THESE STUFF...
I ALWAYS KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME

WHERE'S THE REST ?
HUH? IT GOT CUT OFF ??

THIS ALMOST FEELS LIKE A LOVE LETTER
Minato—I am writing this letter with my heart aching as if my entire body is being torn into pieces.
I've always

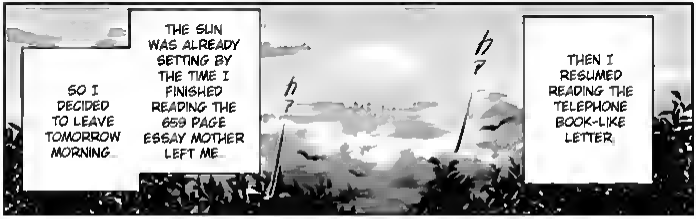
WOW...
DO I HAVE TO READ ALL THESE...
...COULD THIS ENTIRE PILE BE...
But Mother had to spend some time to prepare her heart with the separation.
To be honest, You were already strong enough to survive outside a year ago.
For your adventure, whether it be tools or money, feel free to take anything you think you might need from the house.
HMM? FINALLY SOMETHING IMPORTANT...
Munato's sleeping face and the back of your head captivated mother like an angel.
BUT THIS IS WAY TOO LONG...
MOM COULDN'T LET GO OF ME...
A FEW HUNDRED PAGES LATER...
Think of this as mother's parting gift♥
WAAH!?

I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS BEFORE ...!
THIS MUST BE THE BAG WITH THE DISTORTED SPACE, ALLOWING IT TO HAVE A RIDICULOUS CAPACITY.
... NECRO-NOMICON?
... SUCH A FAMOUS FANTASY BOOK!?
After breaking the "Coffin of Demons" open, this book was inside. Mother already finished reading it, so you can have it.
AH, A NOTE ...
IF I RECALL CORRECTLY FROM MY PAST MEMORIES, THIS IS A SUPER DANGEROUS MAGIC BOOK WITH TREMENDOUS POWER.
WAIT... DID MOTHER SAY SHE "BROKE" THE "COFFIN OF DEMONS" ...!?
IS IT REALLY FINE TO GIVE IT TO ME SO CASUALLY!!?
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE MORE STUFF INSIDE
INSIDE THE BAG,
MOTHER LEFT THE FOLLOWING

GRIM REAPER'S MANTLE
GAUNTLET AND GREAVES (MADE FROM JOKER METAL)
CLOTH OF DARKNESS
MOTHER'S HANDMADE BLACK BELT

SINCE MOM MADE IT HERSELF, THEN THERE'S NO WAY IT'D BE NORMAL, RIGHT?
AND THIS BELT...

JUST FROM THEIR NAMES, THEY ALREADY SOUND CURSED
DARKNESS AND GRIM REAPER


SO I DECIDED TO LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING...
THE SUN WAS ALREADY SETTING BY THE TIME I FINISHED READING THE 659 PAGE ESSAY MOTHER LEFT ME...
THEN I RESUMED READING THE TELEPHONE BOOK-LIKE LETTER.

ALRIGHT, I'VE GOT EVERYTHING!
SO THERE'S A HIDDEN PASSAGE BEHIND THE BOOKSHELF
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OH! FOUND IT!
I'VE GOTTEN QUITE EXCITED AFTER SEEING "THE START OF A THRILLING JOURNEY BEGINS HERE!" IN MOM'S NOTE!
IT'S FINALLY TIME
THE PLACE FILLED WITH SO MANY MEMORIES
IT'S TIME TO BID FAREWELL TO THIS HOUSE

Then, you must have grown even more than now...
Minato We'll definitely meet again!
Mother is very excited to see how you'll be like in the future.
I love you!
-From your loving mother
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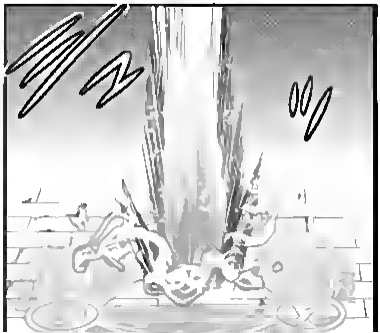

I'LL TRY TO NOT THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT LAST SENTENCE ...
PS: Maybe then you'll even have a little brother or sister, if that's the case then mother will be counting on you!

THE HELL IS THIS!?
THIS ...
CAN'T BE A DUNGEON, RIGHT ...??
WHERE... AM I...?
I WONDER IF THIS IS UNDERGROUND OR ABOVE GROUND ...
HOW WOULD I GO ABOUT LEAVING THIS PLACE ...
I HAVE NOT A CLUE ABOUT HOW MANY FLOORS THIS DUNGEON HAVE... OR WHAT FLOOR I AM ON FOR THAT MATTER...
EITHER WAY, NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO DAWDLE ...
STRENGTHEN MY LEGS...
SERIOUSLY ...
COULDN'T YOU HAVE SENT ME TO A PEACEFUL PLAINS OR SOMETHING ...
AND OFF I GO TO FIND THE EXIT...!!
THE FIRST CHALLENGE YOU GAVE ME IS A BIT TOO HARD, MOM...

I CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO PROTECT A FEMALE ADVENTURER
ISN'T IT ONLY NATURAL FOR HER TO PROVIDE ME WITH SOME SERVICE!?
YOU TRICKED ME!?
YOU MONSTER! COWARD!
KYAA!
AND THEN YOU SHOWED UP
I WAS JUST THINKING
ABOUT VISITING A BROTHEL TONIGHT
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ENTERED THE DUNGEON WITH THIS MAN!!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF A HURRY I WAS IN!!
KU...

I'VE HEARD OTHER ADVENTURERS IN THE GUILD GOSSIP ABOUT
THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE COLLAPSED A PART OF THE DUNGEON AND REVEALED THE "TREASURE ROOMS" THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY HIDDEN.
AND THAT A FEW EXOTIC TREASURES WERE DISCOVERED WITHIN THOSE ROOMS.
SINCE I'M IN DIRE NEED OF MONEY, THIS WAS THE PERFECT CHANCE.
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I'D MEET SOMEONE LIKE HIM
S... STOP!!
HEHEHEH. KEEP SCREAMING, NO ONE WILL SAVE YOU HERE!!
SOME ONE!
SAVE ME!!!
EH...?
SOMETHING DARK JUST WENT BY...

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OH CRAP!
I CRASHED INTO SOMEONE!?
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I'M REALLY IN TROUBLE NOW!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I USED BODY STRENGTH-ENING
AND FOR THE SAKE OF GETTING OUT OF HERE FASTER, I DIDN'T EVEN SLOW DOWN WHEN TURNING CORNERS
CRASHING INTO THE WALL IN SUCH A FUNNY WAY, AM I IN A MANGA OR SOMETHING ...
AH... AAAH...
NO, WHAT AM I THINKING!
HEY... UHM... WAIT...
I'M SO SORRY, THIS NICE MIDDLE AGED MAN,
I SWEAR IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE
WHA ...!?
THERE IS AN EYE-WITNESS!?

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A MIDDLE AGED MAN
WITH AN ALMOST NAKED GIRL
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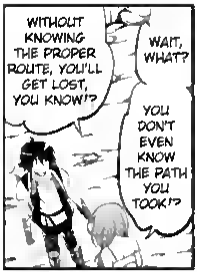
SORRY FOR INTRUDING!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
EVEN THOUGH I'M BEING MATURE AND TRYING TO LEAVE THEM ALONE
WHY!?

ALTHOUGH I HAVE A LOT I WANT TO SAY, BUT THERE'S A HUGE MIS-UNDERSTANDING HERE!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME! WITH SOME-THING LIKE THAT!?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE BUT YOU SAVED ME
SO THANKS, I GUESS?
... AH ...
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...?
SO THE RELATIONSHIP WASN'T MUTUAL
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SUCH AN INTIMIDATING APOLOGY
IT'S TRUE I MIGHT HAVE QUESTIONED THE AGE DIFFERENCE A BIT, BUT EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN PREFERENCES
OH NO, I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY...
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT WAS A MIS-UNDER-STANDING!
THAT GUY TRIED TO RAPE ME!
THAT FREAKING GUY!

SO... WHO ARE YOU?
AN ADVEN-TURER?
EH?
YEAH, I GUESS
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS...
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD HER I GOT SENT HERE BY A MAGIC CIRCLE...
SO IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T OPENLY TALK ABOUT, HUH...?
WELL... NOT REALLY, BUT...
WELL, LET ME CHANGE THE QUESTION
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
HMM...
I WANT TO LEAVE THIS PLACE.
I SEE.
WANT TO GO TOGETHER?


WITHOUT KNOWING THE PROPER ROUTE, YOU'LL GET LOST, YOU KNOW!?
WAIT, WHAT?
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE PATH YOU TOOK!?

YOU REALLY SAVED ME, I DON'T EVEN KNOW THE WAY AROUND HERE
IS THAT SO? THEN LET'S GO TOGETHER!

WELL, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST FLOOR.
IT'S STILL ALWAYS BETTER TO HAVE A COMPANION

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SOMEONE SO RECKLESS
EVEN IF THIS IS A LOW LEVEL AREA

ALTHOUGH THIS WILL BE A SHORT EXCHANGE, BUT LET'S DO OUR BEST UNTIL WE'RE OUT.
OH WELL..
MY NAME IS ELK ELK KIRKES.

IF POSSIBLE
I'D LIKE YOU TO SAY THAT TO MY MOM